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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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FOR ROBINSON "ROM EB - JOSEPH GREENWALD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, ETRD

SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM: FOOD POLICY COORDINATION  
MECHANISMS

REF STATE 40662 (TOSEC 40116)

1. SUBSEQUENT TO OUR DISCUSSION ON FEBRUARY 19, I SENT THE SECRETARY AN ALTERNATIVE TO SEIDMAN'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE FOOD POLICY COORDINATING BODY UNDER USDA'S CHAIRMANSHIP. I PROPOSED A JOINT STATE-USDA CHAIRMANSHIP, SIMILAR TO OUR ARRANGEMENT WITH TREASURY ON COMMODITY POLICY. WE ARE REPEATING THIS MESSAGE TO YOU.

2. MY SUGGESTION CROSSED WITH THE SECRETARY'S REPLY TO YOUR EARLIER MESSAGE, IN WHICH HE INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS. LATER, HE APPROVED THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, APPROACH.

3. I PLAN TO TALK TO SECRETARY BUTZ AND SEIDMAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ARGUE FOR A CO-CHAIRMAN FORMULA ON GROUNDS THAT:

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(A) USDA'S VISIBILITY CAN BE RAISED WITHOUT SUBORDINATING

THE FOREIGN POLICY ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURE, AND  
(B) THAT THERE IS A CONSTITUTENCY AMONG THE PUBLIC  
AND ON THE HILL WHICH WOULD BE AROUSED OVER A PERCEIVED

DECLINE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF STATE'S INPUT INTO FOOD AND  
AGRICULTURAL POLICY IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE AGRICULTURAL  
COMMUNITY WAS LAST YEAR.

4. THIS ISSUE WAS DEFERRED AT FRIDAY'S EPB MEETING  
PENDING A REACTION FROM THE SECRETARY. IT MAY BE  
CONSIDERED AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25. I WOULD  
APPRECIATE WHATEVER ADVICE YOU MAY HAVE. INGERSOLL

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